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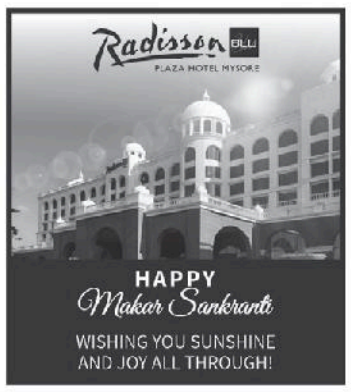

Sankranti festival tomorrow

No market rush

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (MTY&DM)- *Makara Sankranti*, the first major festival of the new year, has brought disappointment for traders and vendors as they are seeing poor business with just a day to go for the festival (Jan.15). The COVID restrictions have also dampened the spirits of the people in celebrating the festival with pomp and gaiety.

Makara Sankranti is dedicated to Sun God Surya. The festival also marks the harvest festival.

During the pre-COVID times, traders, vendors and other shop-keepers used to see brisk business, with people flocking the markets for purchase of sesame, jaggery (popularly known as a mixture of *ellu-bella*), copra, sugarcane stalks, *puja* articles, etc., and as well as decorative articles for cattle.

But the COVID restrictions, coupled with weekend curfew has brought disappointment to scores of traders especially vendors selling fruits and vegetables. Shops in the central business district, including D. Devaraj Urs road, Devaraja Market, Shivarampet, Santhepet, M.G. Road wholesale market, Vani Vilas Market and Mandi Market, which used to be flooded with people making purchases, saw a lesser number of visitors as compared to past years.

Roadside vendors selling fruits, vegetables, *puja* articles, who sat around Devaraja Market, Small Clock Tower, Dhanvanthri Road and such other busy roads were seen keenly waiting for customers to approach them for making purchases. However, the vendors are hoping that their business will pick up in the afternoon or by evening as people generally throng markets for last minute purchases.

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of ***Makara Sankranti.*** Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated 15.1.2022.

Greetings

STAR OF MYSORE *wishes a happy & prosperous Makara Sankranti to all its readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, agents and delivery boys.* — **Management**

Former AIISH Director passes away

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. S.R. Savithri (64), former Director of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following prolonged illness. A resident of Prashanth Nagar in Bogadi, she leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

Dr. Savithri, an alumnus of AIISH, served her alma mater as a teacher, lecturer, Professor and as Director.

2nd weekend curfew from tonight

Mysuru, Jan.14 (RK&DM)- The 55-hour-long second weekend curfew announced by the State Government early this month in the wake of rapidly surging COVID cases will commence from 10 pm tonight. The curfew will end at 5 am on Monday (Jan.17).

The first weekend curfew last week saw success to a large extent in city as members of the public, traders, businessmen, commercial and Industrial organisations extending support.

The district authorities and the Police have begun preparations for enforcement of the weekend curfew, in right earnest. Though shop-owners of non-essential commodities and services have got adjusted to weekend curfew, the traders are finding it inevitable to stand with the Government for checking the spread of the virus, which has raised its ugly head for the third time in two years since its outbreak in March 2020.

With the commencement of the second weekend curfew just hours away, boozers were seen lining up before liquor shops across the city for making liquor purchases that could last for them till the end of the 55-hour curfew.

As in the past, shops selling essential commodities and essential service providers such as medical shops, diagnostic centres, hospitals, ration and provision stores, fruits and vegetable shops, petrol bunks, hardware shops and the like will remain open. Though there is no regulation for Road and Rail transport and other public transport services, they are required to strictly comply with the Government protocol.

(See CURFEW on page 7)

Traffic Cops Meet

Traffic ACP S.E. Gangadharaswamy held a meeting with Traffic Police Inspectors and other personnel at his office on Vinoba Road here this morning.

The meeting, apart from discussing strict enforcement of weekend curfew, also deliberated on speedy disposal of seized vehicles as per a Court order, through public auction.

These vehicles which were seized for various traffic violations, are lying in Traffic Police Stations for long with no one claiming ownership of such vehicles or produce documents.

Traffic Inspectors Manjunath, Prasanna Kumar, Aruna Kumari and other Traffic personnel took part.

Back Again !

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS)- The State Government, which had suddenly transferred MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh on Jan. 10, 2022, has stayed the transfer today. He will reassume charge as MUDA Commissioner this evening for the second time. It may be recalled, Dr. Natesh, who had taken over as MUDA Commissioner on May 4, 2020 was transferred in June 2021. But the Government had cancelled his transfer in just a day. Now once again the Government after transferring him has cancelled it in just four days.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 14th January 2022

Tech Education Dept. ties up with Digital Economy Mission

Future digital jobs initiative to benefit Govt. Polytechnic and Engineering students

Bengaluru, Jan. 14- The Collegiate and Technical Education Department signed up with Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) on Thursday as part of its ambitious future digital jobs at Government Polytechnic and Engineering Colleges initiative.

"The collaboration would help us to organise future digital jobs drive exclusively for students of Government institutions and to provide career counselling and guidance to students in Government institutions. This would lead to meaningful internships, projects and placements," said IT/BT, Higher Education & Skill Development Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

The partnership would help in workforce research for industries in regions 'Beyond Bengaluru' and facilitate industry talks, mentoring seminars and workshops for students, faculty, etc. It also plays a role in establishing incubation centres, centres of excellence in Government institutions, he said.

This MoU will enable development of relevant curriculum, enhancing infrastructure for teaching among other things, guiding young entrepreneurs, especially in rural Karnataka. The MoU will benefit students studying in 92 Polytechnic and 14 Engineering Government institutions.

Digital Economy Mission Chairman B.V. Naidu, Collegiate and Technical Education Commissioner P. Pradeep, Talancia Global CEO S. Subramaniam and entrepreneurs Vadiraj and Manjunath were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Constitution of India, considered a progressive document if there ever was one, guarantees equal rights to all its citizens, and that presumably includes women. And indeed, India has the glory of putting women at the helm not just in politics but in just about every sphere of life. The virtual world has twisted the terms of engagement, though, giving an unknown quantum of humanity invested with a criminal mindset the licence to operate in public—with little consequence to themselves. The social media has never been an easy place for women. Particularly those with a mind of their own, and the means to express it. Even so, the uploading of the photos of women on apps, supposedly for auction, plumbs a never-before depth of depravity. The crude nomenclature itself reflected a debased mindset that has, alas, become easy to flaunt. It took a woman journalist's FIR, and a larger public outcry, for the IPC to be invoked. The existence of a repressed, criminal male mind will surprise no woman. It's the system's lack of a morally driven punitive structure — and the consequent impunity assumed by the criminals — that is striking these days. There is often a touch of 'normalcy' to the structural diminution of the female gender anyway. It is, after all, a time when a 31-member Parliamentary Committee to decide the marriage age for women has only one woman member!

— In The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

This restaurant serves your order in 13.5 seconds

Guadalajara: Karne Garibaldi, a popular Mexican restaurant in Guadalajara, holds the Guinness record for the world's fastest food service: 13.5 seconds from order time until the food hits the table.

Usually, when visiting a popular award-winning restaurant, you expect waiting times to be on the long side, but that's definitely not the case at Karne Garibaldi, a restaurant best known for its carne en su jugo dish and for having the world's fastest order time.

After patrons finish giving their orders to the waiters, it takes just over a dozen seconds before the plates hit their tables, which, as those who have eaten there at least once will tell you, is downright impressive. Karne Garibaldi has held the world record for the world's fastest food service (13.5 seconds) since 1996

Hyperrealistic murals by a street artist

Moscow: Danila Shmelev alias Shozy, is a talented street artist from Moscow in Russia, who specializes in hyperrealistic optical illusions that capture the viewer's imagination.

Born and raised in Moscow, Danila was first introduced to graffiti street culture in the early 2000s. Showing a strong talent for drawing and painting, he spent 4 years at the MHIP (Moscow Institute of Art & Industrial), while at the same time attending workshops of famous Russian painters.

Still, graffiti remained Shozy's biggest passion, and since 2010, he has been developing his unique style of street art, one that has won him international acclaim and the opportunity to travel the world to showcase his talent.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Poor Nutrition in early life slows down physical and mental growth capabilities and increases the risk of infection in children poor nutrition can be lack of food/ wrong food choices. Good nutrition is not just enough calories, it should contain the right amount of all required nutrients as per age (balanced diet).
Overeatingand Poor Nutrition are equally harmful.

By Dr Anilkumar Y. C. - Consultant – Paediatrician
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama-2022

Online music concert by Vidu. Nithyashree tomorrow

Vidu. Nithyashree *Amogh Nadadur* *Vikram Bharadwaj*

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be presenting a vocal concert by Vidu. R. Nithyashree from Mysuru under the 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama' series, aimed at showcasing young talented musicians of Karnataka. The online concert will be premiered tomorrow (Jan. 15) at 5 pm on their YouTube channel.

She will be accompanied by Amogh Nadadur on violin and Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga. Vidu. R Nithyashree has been under the tutelage of Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar since her early age and has performed in many platforms.

Music-lovers are requested to watch the concert by visiting Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust's YouTube channel and support the artistes, according to a press release from Sabha Vice-President Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy.

REALLY...?

- ***One of the largest temple complexes in India, Meenakshi Sundareshwarar, covers 15 acres and is made up of 12 gopuras (large ceremonial gateways decorated with stucco figures) that surround the two most important shrines: one dedicated to Sundarashvara (Lord Shiva) and the other to Meenakshi.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man went to his Psychiatrist and said, "Every time I drink my coffee, I get a stabbing pain in my right eye,"
The psychiatrist said, "Well, have you tried taking the spoon out?"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.11
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.81
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.18
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.08

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 13
Day's Positive Cases	524	695
Total Positive Cases	1,82,725	1,83,420
Day's Discharges	114	150
Total Discharges	1,78,018	1,78,168
Day's Deaths	1	1
Total Deaths	2,430	2,431
Total Active Cases	2,277	2,821

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Chamundipuram Park in a state of utter neglect

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the civic authority towards the deplorable condition of the park in Chamundipuram 2nd Cross. The park is not cleaned properly or secured tightly against the stray animals.

The people are using the park to bury the dead pet animals in spite of direct multiple pleas against it. When this is the case, how can we let our children play in this park?

Not only this, people even urinate during wee hours and this puts the houses nearby into possible health hazards.

The said park has become a favourite spot for anti-social elements who are involved in substance abuse, drinking and creating nuisance for other park-goers. Now the land is nothing more than a barren area littered with garbage.

The workers who are employed to maintain the park are never seen and people associated with this are unnoticed. We have also tried to complain about it to the area Corporator, but again all the efforts went in vain.

I would request the MCC Commissioner to kindly look into this matter and help the nearby residents to live in peace.

—Anupama

Mysuru

12.1.2022

PM appreciates Karnataka's 5T plan to tackle COVID

Bengaluru, Jan. 14 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the 5T plan of Testing, Tracking, Tracing, Triaging and Technology adopted by the State Government to control COVID, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said.

Bommai, who participated in a video-conference, chaired by Modi with Chief Ministers of various States, said, "I explained the measures taken by the Government to control and manage COVID. The PM appreciated the high rate of testing and vaccination in the State which is higher than the national average."

Modi was also apprised about measures initiated to ramp up the medical infrastructure. "I sought the Central assistance to raise the oxygenated beds and oxygen plants," Bommai said. The PM praised the use of technology for monitoring the health of those in home isolation, he said.

Modi also instructed to make preparations based on the experience of the first and second wave of COVID, as the pandemic is expected to peak in February.

During the third wave, over 94 percent infected are in home isolation, therefore, the Prime Minister wanted to give priority to ensuring supply of medicines, appropriate care and measures to instill a sense of confidence among the infected, he said.

The Centre suggested ramping up testing, purchase of ambulances and improving medical infrastructure under the Rs. 32,000 crore package it has provided, the CM said.

Phone-in programme

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SSM)- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services will be holding a Phone-in programme to redress the grievances and problems of the public.

The programme will be held on Jan. 17 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Interested may call the Department Helpline: 0821-2420606 during the given time slot. For more details, contact Mob: 82770-02890.

Elected

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. Ramakrishna Hegde, Senior Member, IEEE, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, has been elected as Secretary of IEEE Computer Society Bangalore Chapter which is the part of largest technical professional body in the world IEEE for the year 2022. IEEE Computer Society exists in more than 150 countries worldwide and scope is "to advance the theory, practice, and application of computer and information processing science and technology."

Republic Day Parade Contingent from Mysuru leaves for Delhi

THE 19 CADETS SELECTED FROM MYSURU FOR REPUBLIC DAY CAMP IN NEW DELHI: ***CSUO R. Rajath Singh, JSS Polytechnic, Mysuru; Cdt. K.R. Anirudh, Yuvaraja College, Mysuru; Cdt. Capt. R. Mithun, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru; SUO Suvarsh Gowda, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru; Sgt. Pramila Kunawar, St. Joseph's First Grade College, Mysuru; SUO H.V. Tanmai, Maharaja's College, Mysuru; JUO C. Prajwal Urs, Vidyavardhaka College, Mysuru; Cpl. L. Sucithra, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru; L/Cpl. S. Priya, Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru; SUO M.R. Siddaraju, Bharathi College, K.M. Doddi, Mandya; Cdt. V. Pooja, PES College, Mandya; Cdt. S. Lekhana, PES College, Mandya; Cdt. S. Chaithra, JSS College of Science, Commerce & Arts, Ooty Road, Mysuru; Cdt. M. Prajwal, JSS College of Science, Commerce & Arts, Ooty Road, Mysuru; Cdt. K.M. Deeksha, JSS College for Women, Mysuru; Cdt. H.M. Darshan, D. Banumaih's College, Mysuru; JUO V. Pavan, D. Banumaih's College, Mysuru; SUO Charan Basavaraj, D. Banumaih's College, Mysuru and CSUO M.A. Roshini Marian, Govt. CPC Polytechnic, Mysuru.***

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Every year selected NCC cadets from all the 17 Directorates in India represent their respective States at the Republic Day Camp in New Delhi on Jan. 26.

The cadets participate in various competitions like Drill, Cultural, Flag Area, Best Cadet etc.

Last year and this year too, because of COVID-19 pandemic, the strength of cadets taking part in the Republic Day Camp has been reduced to half.

A total of 54 cadets have been selected and are now at Delhi, representing the State and training for the Republic Day Parade and other competitions.

This year, out of the 54 NCC cadets of Karnataka and Goa Directorate Contingent, 19 cadets (10 boys and 9 girls) are from the Mysuru Group.

This great achievement was possible due to the hard work by the highly motivated cadets of Mysuru, said Colonel R.R. Menon, Group Commander, Mysuru Group NCC.

The cadets were trained during various camps at Mysuru and Bengaluru over two months prior to their departure to Delhi, he said adding that it is also a matter of great pride that 5 SW (girl cadets) of Mysuru have been selected for the Rajpath Marching Contingent.

Wishing all the 19 cadets success at the Republic Day Camp, Colonel Menon has also congratulated the parents and institutions of all the cadets attending the R-Day Camp.

A group photo of the nine girl cadets from Mysuru in their NCC uniform.

Safaikarmachari Commission Chairman on a three-day Mysuru tour

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (SSM)- Karnataka Safaikarmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna will be on a three-day visit to Mysuru from Jan. 17 to Jan. 19.

Shivanna will arrive in city on Jan. 17 and will have a discussion with Pourakarmika leaders at 4 pm and will stay overnight at Jaladarshini Guest House.

On Jan. 18, he will hold a meeting at 10.30 am with concerned officers regarding the grievances of cleaning workers at Mysore University. He will hold a press meet at 1 pm, following which he will chair a meeting with the officials at 2.30 pm to hear the grievances of MCC Pourakarmikas.

On Jan. 19 at 10 am, he will hold an awareness programme with District and Taluk level officers regarding Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act (MS Act) -2013 factors.

At 11 am, Shivanna will hold a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) to discuss the problems faced by Pourakarmikas and will leave for Bengaluru at 3 pm, according to a press release.

NEWS BRIEFS

Plea to provide Public Library

Mysuru City (Dist.) Congress Committee Minority Department ex-Press Secretary Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi and others have urged the District Minister, Mayor and MCC Commissioner to provide a Public Library in Bannimantap A, B & C Layout or in Hanumanthanagar HUDCO area as many Schools and Colleges are situated here.

Ph.D awardees

A. Satish has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Antidiabetic Effects of Morus Indica L. with Special Reference to Advanced Glycation end Products' [Guide: Dr. Asna Urooj].

M.S. Lohith has been awarded Ph. D in Food Science and Nutrition by the UoM for his thesis 'Efficacy of Medicinal Plant Based Nutritional Formulation as an Adjuvant in Gastrointestinal Cancer Therapy' [Guide: Dr. Asna Urooj].

N. Karunakar has been awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, for his thesis 'Understanding Pattern of Library Usage Among Users of Branch Public Libraries in South Karnataka: A Study' [Guide: Dr. F.G. Patil].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	122.98 feet
Yesterday	:	123.06 feet
Inflow	:	1,416 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,469 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,283.02 feet
Inflow	:	254 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.01 feet
Inflow	:	309 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

MCC pre-budget meeting gets suggestions on tax issues

Mysuru, Jan.14 (SBD&DM)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) pre-budget meeting held yesterday saw former Mayors, ex-Corporators and office-bearers of various trade and other commercial bodies coming up with several suggestions on simplification of the tax structure.

Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa said it is important to collect property tax in Revenue Layouts as this will help in augmentation of revenues. Stressing on the need for ending confusions over online tax payment system, he said that the civic body should consider waiver of interest on water bill dues.

Regretting that the budgetary announcements are not being met, Bhyrappa pointed out that the issuance of B-khata in respect of Revenue Layouts, which was introduced in 2012-13 was stopped in 2018.

Emphasising on the need for simplification of Trade Licence process, he also called for a reduction in taxes concerning theatres, Kalyana Mantaps etc.

Another **ex-Mayor R. Lingappa** suggested regularisation of illegal water connections. Pointing out that it is necessary to collect additional tax from buildings that violate norms, he suggested that MCC should levy 25 percent additional tax in case of building plan violations.

Noting that it is important to take a final decision on Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building at the earliest, he batted for hike in Devaraja Market stall rentals.

Yet another **former Mayor Purushotham** observed that officials were failing in their task of collecting tax dues, despite widespread public awareness.

Observing that most of the stalls in Devaraja Market have been rented out by original allottees, he opined that MCC had failed in securing its properties.

Urging the MCC to sensitise people that tax payment is vital for claiming ownership of properties, he wanted the MCC to stop illegal constructions in burial grounds land.

Former Mayor Dakshina Murthy wondered how roads in revenue lands were far better when they are in poor shape in tax-payer layouts. Contending that the people will judge the MCC based on its works concerning roads, sewage, underground drainage, waste disposal and such other civic amenities, he suggested for partial waiver of interest on property tax dues.

Former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli said that in the wake of the recent gang rape of a college student in the city, the MCC should distribute autos to women under **Pink Auto Services Scheme.** She also suggested introduction of 'Fix My City' app on the lines of BBMP that facilitate residents to highlight the problems in their area and also get feedback.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and others at the pre-budget meeting yesterday.

P. Vishwanath, the first Mayor of Mysuru, emphasised on the need for presenting a budget that balances both earnings and expenditures.

Underlining the importance of collating maintenance costs and expected revenues, he reiterated the need for presenting a factual budget and cautioned against presenting an imaginary budget.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said MCC should take measures for simplification of trade licence procedures. Asserting that MCC can collect more than Rs.10 crore as trade licence fee, he bemoaned that traders and businessmen along the Ring Road are a disappointed lot as they are unable to get trade license either from the MCC or the concerned Gram Panchayat. He wanted the MCC to take necessary measures for resolving the issue.

Mysuru Industries Association General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain said MCC should take stringent measures for checking dumping of wastes and debris at open spaces all along the Ring Road. Regretting that industrial areas such as Bannimatap A and B Layouts, Visweshwaranagar and Yadavagri are lacking in basic civic amenities, he wanted the MCC to evolve a plan for improving Industrial infrastructure out of funds under various heads of the State and Union Governments.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) President Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy said that though the MCC has seen a significant success in property tax collection, he stressed on the need for simplification of tax computing and other procedures. Highlighting the need for plugging water tax pilferage, he said that it is vital for having good roads as this is one of the parameters of judging a civic body.

Rs. 135 crore property tax collected

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, after hearing all the suggestions, said that the budget will be prepared based on the suggestions of all stakeholders.

Announcing that the MCC would get 65 autos for 65 wards for maintaining cleanliness, he said that the MCC has planned to appoint at least 10 women for driving these autos and women drivers will be trained for the purpose.

Declaring that the MCC has collected Rs.135 crore property tax by the end of December last, Reddy said that the tax collection is expected to go up to Rs.160-Rs.170 crore by the end of the financial year (March), which means an increase of about Rs.40 crore as compared to last year.

As regards, water tax collection, the MCC Commissioner said that Rs.50 crore has been collected as water tax by the end of December and this figure is expected to go upto Rs.65-Rs.70 crore by March.

Maintaining that online trade licence issuance will begin from Aprl.1, he said that every ward will get Rs.10 lakh grants for road repair works. Observing that potholes in 80 percent of city roads will be fixed by the end of this month, he said that the Mayor has directed for fixing all roads in the next two months.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra chaired the meeting. Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig, MCC Deputy Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar, SE Mahesh and other officials were present.

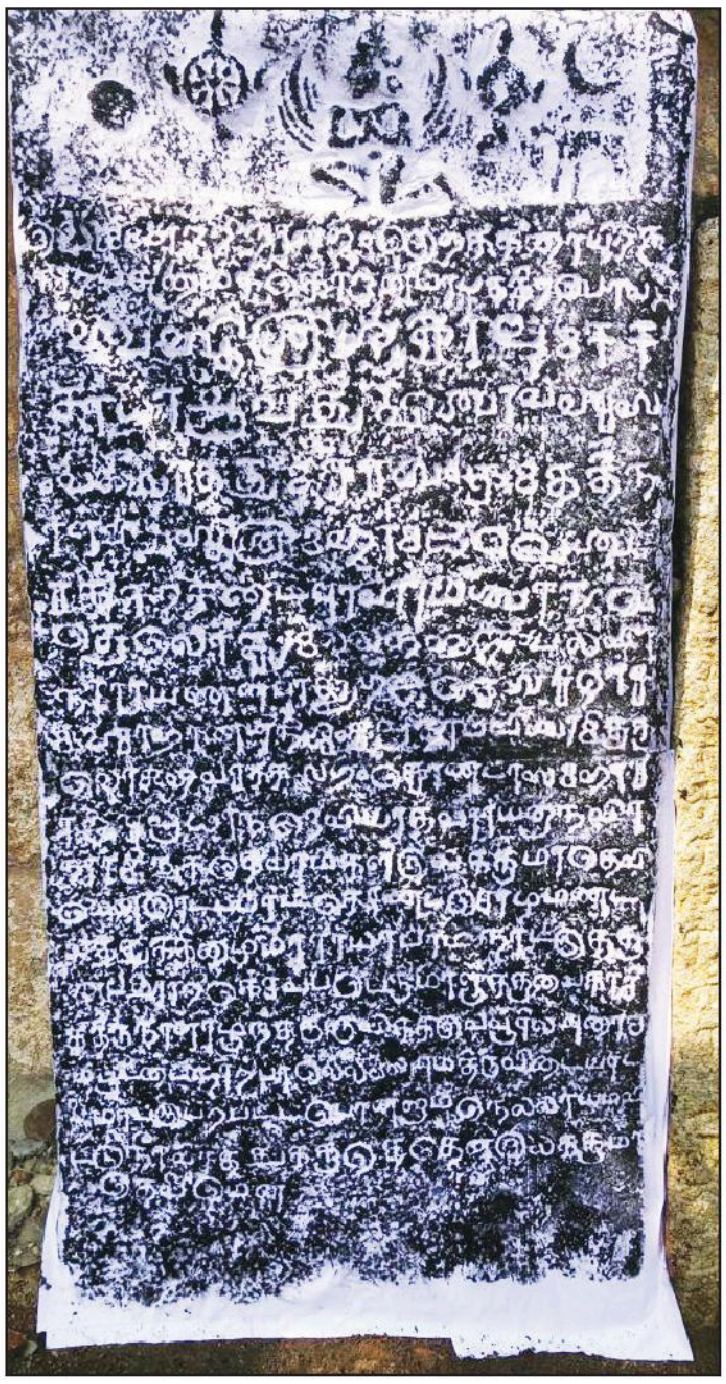
Super Commercial Tax to be dropped

Referring to the contentious issue of imposition of Super Commercial Tax on a category of commercial establishments such as theatres and Kalyana Mantaps, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy said that based on several representations from commercial bodies, it has been decided to drop Super Commercial Tax slab, which is in force for the past several years. Pointing out that the matter will be brought before the MCC Council meeting on Jan.17, he said that approval will be taken for withdrawal of Super Commercial Tax at the meeting.

Taking strong exception to the absence of Corporators, former Mayors B.L. Bhyrappa and Purushotham said this showed the apathy of Corporators in formulating the budget. Objecting to the absence of even Standing Committee Heads, they said that this shows the lack of interest among Corporators for discussing key issues concerning the city.

28,000 Tamil estampages from ASI Mysuru to move to Chennai

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) building at Hebbal, Mysuru.



Tamil estampage inscriptions.

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&BCT)- Following an order from the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in August last year to shift nearly 28,000 estampages of Tamil inscriptions that are preserved in the Directorate of Epigraphy wing of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Hebbal in the city, the process of shifting has begun.

The ASI, in a communication dated Jan. 6, 2022, directed the Director (Epigraphy), ASI, in Mysuru, to transfer the estampages and other connected Tamil documents and inscriptions to the Office of the Deputy Superintending Epigraphist, South Zone, ASI, in Chennai.

Estampages are exact replicas of inscriptions copied from stone or copper plates onto paper using specialised ink. These are made by pressing wet paper onto the rock or metal face and wiping a specialised ink on it.

The Directorate has nearly 70,000 estampages of Sanskrit and Dravidian languages of which over 28,000 estampages of Tamil will now be shifted to its office in Chennai. This apart, the rare inscriptions of Arabic and Persian inscriptions too are available here.

Last August, the Madras High Court had directed the Union Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India to transfer all the estampages of Tamil inscriptions from the epigraphy branch in Mysuru to the one in Chennai within six months.

A Court also told the ASI to name the Chennai Branch as 'Epigraphy Branch-Tamil' similar to how the Epigraphy branches for Sanskrit, Persian and Arabic languages were called. It gave the directions in a batch of Public Interest Litigations (PILs) which sought digitisation and transfer of Tamil inscriptions present in the Mysuru Epigraphy centre to the one in Tamil Nadu.

"The inscriptions are the primary sources for reconstructing the history of the people, society, economic conditions, religion, water system and irrigation management, etc. They shed more light on the history of Tamils. Hence, the availability of the estampages in Chennai would be greatly utilised by the scholars to write the authentic history of our ancestors," the order said. The Court also ordered that the transfer be carried out within six months.

Epigraphy forms the bedrock for understanding and construction of history as the inscriptions are contemporary records, refer to events, kings, dates etc., and provide valuable data for historiographers and research scholars to fill the information gaps in history.

Process of shifting: ASI sources told *Star of Mysore* that the shifting process has been initiated and a representative from the Chennai Zonal Office was already in Mysuru verifying the documents and the records.

"We have 135 years of estampages. We have to separate them year-wise, language-wise and State-wise. Though we are opposing the transfer of estampages, it is true that because of the delay in deciphering and publishing the inscriptions, people have approached the Court," an ASI official said on condition of anonymity.

The ASI was established in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham. In 1886, the epigraphy branch was established in Bengaluru. The very next year, it was shifted to Chennai. Since the estampages should be maintained in a cooler climate, the office was shifted to the Nilgiris in 1903. In 1966, the office was permanently moved to Mysuru.

The ASI's epigraphy wing has two branches — one each in Nagpur and Mysuru. While the Nagpur branch focuses on Arabic and Persian languages, the Mysuru branch concentrates on Sanskrit and Dravidian languages including Tamil. Currently known as the Office of the Director (Epigraphy), the Mysuru branch is further divided into two zones, one each located in Lucknow and Chennai.

Dr. V.S. Badiger

appointed as ASI Director

Bengaluru, Jan. 14- Dr. V.S. Badiger, a Kannadiga, has been appointed as one of the Directors of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Dr. Badiger worked as the Superintendent of the ASI Dharwad Circle. The Department's Promotion Committee finalised his name for the Director's post. He will work from the ASI Head Office in New Delhi.

Hailing from Chadachan in Vijayapura district, Dr. Badiger completed his Post-Graduation and Ph.D degree from the Karnataka University's Kannada Research, and History & Archaeology Departments.

Global Faculty Award to be presented tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Dr. R.S. Umakanth, Associate Professor, Department of Sericulture Science, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, will receive the prestigious Global Faculty Award-2021 from A.K.S. Education Awards for his contribution to teaching and research in Sericulture Science.

Dr. Umakanth

The award carries a memento and a certificate of appreciation and will be presented to him tomorrow (Jan. 15) at a function conducted on virtual mode.

Dr. Umakanth is also a recipient of *Uttama Shikshaka Award* (2019); *Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Best Teacher Award* (2021) and also *"Best Research Award"* for his script of the short film *"The Journey of Silk"* by NCERT, New Delhi in 2021.

Dr. Umakanth is presently serving as Special Officer in the Examination Branch and Nodal Officer for Digilocker-NAD Cell and IURC, New Delhi, according to a press release from the University of Mysore.

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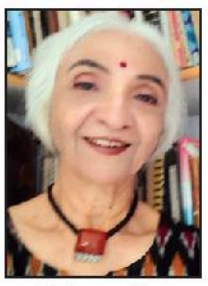

By Girija Madhavan

LOOKING BACK...

Undiplomatic Memories - 3

[Continued from December 13, 2021]

In the last year of my stay in "Hong Kong Island", the city had become home to me. I still retain mental images of its physical beauty; Tiger Hill sloping down to the waves of Deep Water Bay, Chinese Junks and pleasure craft on the placid South China Sea.

Hong Kong had its own Philharmonic Orchestra and offered popular Chinese music and Peking Opera too. Though Indian classical music was celebrated in the US and Europe, it had hardly a foothold here in the far East.

So when Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, already acclaimed in the US, arrived to give a sarod recital in Hong Kong, we were delighted. He was accompanied by his beautiful wife, Subhalakshmi Barua. He is the sixth artiste of his Bangash family Gharana.

At the concert, the sarod was taken out its strengthened case, ready for tuning. But the leather top of the right hand tabla was cracked across. The Ustad reached across to check the damage, a finger nail snagged on a rough edge and broke. Sarod players use their finger tips on the strings. But Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has modified the style to use his nails to produce a uniquely expressive ringing tone. He took out a nail file from a manicure case to repair the damage. A ripple of laughter went through the uninitiated audience.

Worse was to come. A flurry at the entrance showed some organisers coming up with a "replacement" for the broken tabla… a small red Chinese drum, used for dragon dances or other celebrations. Ustad Amjad Ali Khan saved the day, thanking the organisers and handing back the drum with a gracious gesture. He delivered a soulful Aalaap [raga development] which did not need a percussion accompaniment followed by a fast tempo item with a basic rhythm, played by his accompanist on the unbroken left hand drum. The awkward situation actually turned into a memorable concert, the audience mesmerised.

Ustad Amjad Ali later composed an opus titled "A Tribute to Hong Kong" for the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, its own artistes like Charlie Byrd, Igor Frolov and Glenda Simpson [soprano] participating.

The Emergency was still in force in India. Muhammad Yunus was a diplomat inducted into the Foreign Service by Pandit Nehru. After retirement, he became the Special Envoy of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a trusted adviser in her inner circle. He headed Trade Delegations and Exhibitions round the globe to promote Indian products. He came to Hong Kong on such a mission. He was accompanied by a cultural delegation, the star being the singer, Usha Uthup. Though she was famous internationally by then, it was her first visit to Hong Kong. Welcoming words in Tamil earned me a warm smile.

Ustad Amjad Ali attends to a broken finger nail.

At the concert, I was seated next to the Minister. He was already in an irascible mood after a day of appointments and questions by journalists about the Emergency. I hoped he would relax and enjoy the cultural show.

Usha Uthup made a glittering appearance. Strings of jasmine, a big bindi on her forehead, jhumkas, necklaces and glass bangles set off to advantage her green and gold Kanjeevaram saree with a red border. A poised performer, she soon had the audience with her, starting with romantic songs, switching later to livelier numbers.

The Minister, from a slightly slouched position, sat up erect. As lively turned to mildly raunchy, I could see a muscle working in his jaw. I nervously suggested we could now go home, only to be glared at and told, "No, I must see this through to the end." The last straw for him was a number called "Chastity Belt" which had the audience applauding, clapping and whistling. Standing up, he declared the entertainment over.

He said this music was unseemly, Usha Uthup was mortified even though my husband, Madhavan, defended her strongly. "You will lose your job," she whispered.

Usha Uthup is a vegetarian, so that night I made Tamilian style comfort food for her; rasam, white rice, thick curds, deep fried appalam and tender mango [vadu manga] pickle, a homely meal, which she relished after meat-filled Chinese delicacies.

A red Chinese drum offered as a replacement for a broken tabla.

The Emergency was lifted and elections were held. Madhavan kept his job and Usha Uthup garnered glory after glory. Recalling this story, I tried to look up her favourite songs on the Internet but Chastity Belt as SHE sang it in Hong Kong is not mentioned in the list!

A move back to New Delhi was our next posting. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee became Minister of External Affairs in March 1977. An informal gathering was organised for him to meet Foreign Service Officers. Poetry reading and music were to replace long speeches. I was asked to sing for just five minutes and decided that the Surdas Bhajan, "Akhiyan Hari Darshan ki pyaasi", would be suitable. The lyric has several stanzas, each with a different ending. In the last one Surdas says that without sight of his Prabhu, his Lord, he would like to be ritually beheaded at Kashi [Leho Karvat Kashi]. Strumming my Tamboora, I began well enough but when I reached the last but one stanza, I looked up and saw Shri Vajpayee following the singing carefully. My concentration broke and I sang the last line out of place, having to repeat it at the end. Later he smiled and said "You sang well but you beheaded yourself twice at Kashi" *[Achcha gaya, lekin aapne do baar Karvat Kashi le li].*

In these days of menace, uncertainties and loneliness too, we happily revive past memories of happiness with poignant longing, missing the carefree liberty of pre-COVID days but carrying on with hope in our hearts.

[Concluded]

THEN & NOW
Ustad Amjad Ali Khan with his wife Subhalakshmi. They were newly married in 1976 and made this charming picture.

Girija Madhavan on Tamboora.

MCC Commissioner asks officials to meet Pourakarmikas' demands

Mysuru, Jan.14- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy on Wednesday directed the officials to address Pourakarmika issues including glitches in facial recognition attendance system.

He was addressing a meeting of MCC officials and Pourakarmikas at the MCC's Old Council Hall here.

At the meeting, Pourakarmika leaders urged for one-time facial recognition attendance instead of twice, updation of PF and ESI dues within Jan.25, payment of Rs.7,000 to each Pourakarmika as special allowance marking Pourkarmika Day on Feb.2, payment of Rs.15,000 to each Pourakarmika for the conduct of last rites in case of death and issuance of appointment letters to 1,643 Pourakarmikas who are receiving direct credit of wages, among others. They presented a 10-point charter of demands to the MCC Commissioner Reddy, who subsequently gave oral instructions to the officials to take appropriate measures for meeting their demands.

Pourakarmika Association President N. Mara, leaders T. Srinivas, Armugam, Gurunath and others were present.

Kerala nun's rape case: Bishop Franco Mulakkal acquitted

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan. 14- Bishop Franco Mulakkal, accused of raping a nun several times between 2014 and 2016, has been acquitted by a Kottayam Court in Kerala.

Franco Mulakkal, 57, was the first Catholic Bishop in India to be arrested for assaulting a nun.

The Court acquitted him of all charges after a trial that lasted for more than 100 days. The Court cited lack of evidence.

In 2018, the nun from a congregation under the Jalandhar Diocese had accused Bishop Franco of sexual assault. He was accused of raping the nun multiple times during his visit to her convent when he was the Bishop of Jalandhar Diocese.

A Special Investigation Team that investigated the allegations arrested the Bishop in September 2018 and charged him with wrongful confinement, rape, unnatural sex and criminal intimidation.

The trial started in November 2019 and the Court had restrained the print and electronic media from publishing anything related to the trial without its permission.

2nd weekend curfew from tonight

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Hotels, restaurants, bakeries and other shops selling food items are allowed to open, but with restrictions. There will be no dine-in facility and they can provide only parcel services.

Cinema halls, clubs, pubs, gyms, swimming pools, parks, temples and other places of worship, tourist spots and such other public gathering places, will be shut during the weekend.

As regards Kalyana Mantaps and Function Halls are concerned, only 100 people will be allowed inside halls and 200 people in the precincts. Emergency services like ambulance and other health contingency vehicles are allowed to travel freely.

With the curfew starting at 10 pm, Police will start making public announcements at 9.30 pm today asking shop-owners to shut down.

COVID spike: Engineering students seek postponement of exams

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (GA&KS)- Panicked over increasing COVID-19 positive cases in city and also many hostel inmates testing positive for the deadly virus, students of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) on Manadawadi Road staged a silent protest, urging the authorities to postpone the exams.

The students, who assembled in front of the College, said that more than 30 hostel inmates had tested positive for COVID and there is a fear that others too may contract the virus. Stating that it has become difficult to stay in the hostel anymore, the students demanded the College authorities to postpone the examinations.

Students and parents inconvenienced as UoM server breaks down

Mysuru, Jan.14- With the server at University of Mysore (UoM) breaking down suddenly, the University students are facing a lot of hardship in payment of fees. The server breakdown has made the students and their parents to curse the University authorities for their gross negligence or apathy.

With the University making it mandatory to pay fees online, the students are left with no choice other than to wait for the server to get back on track.

On Thursday, the students waited for more than four hours to get server connection, but had to return a dejected lot as their long wait turned out to be a waste of time.

Some students claimed that the Commerce Department teaching and non-teaching faculty displayed negligent attitude when they were informed about the server breakdown. Some of the students who had come from Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar districts had to return back to their towns or villages as the server issue was not addressed by the University.

Expressing anguish over the apathetic attitude of the University authorities, the students and parents wondered what was the guarantee that the server will be functional tomorrow.

Urging the authorities to set right the server immediately and facilitate them for paying fees on time, they questioned how could the University authorities, who boast of technical advancements, are failing in ensuring hassle free and non-disruptive functioning of servers.

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Webinar on "Balanced nutrition through microbial food additives" held at CFTRI

Mysuru, Jan. 14- In its series of activities on *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* to commemorate 75 years of Independence, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru, had organised a webinar on "Balanced nutrition through microbial food additives" on Monday (Jan.10).

The core ideology behind this webinar was consumption of safe microbial food, products from microbial fermentation, microbial metabolites as nutrition, fermented foods and their benefits, and mushroom production by zero-waste technology.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru, by lighting the lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that though we have a high crop production, it is not sufficient to meet the demands of the population. Food-grade Microorganisms are a better alternative as they require less water and land than crops and have lowered ethical issues.

Dr. Prakash Halami, Head of the Microbiology and Fermentation Technology Department, CSIR-CFTRI and other staff members were present.

Professional experts working in microbiology from reputed universities and research institutes delivered invited lectures.

While briefing about the program, Dr. Prakash M. Halami, Head, MFT Department, said that theme of the Webinar is apt as it addresses a highly relevant issue of nutritional security. A balanced diet is a key to healthy living. He also discussed that due to urbanisation, the consumption of traditional fermented food had been reduced, leading to several lifestyle diseases in India. The inclusion of food-grade microorganisms in our diet can enrich the nutritional value of the food and can be a potential solution to many disorders, including malnutrition.

The lecture session started with Dr Gayathri Devraja, Professor, Microbiology Department, Davangere University, Davangere. She emphasised use of Lactic acid bacteria to solve celiac disease because they enhance the epithelial barrier and destroy multiple epitopes on gliadin.

Dr. K. Sumana, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, JSS Academy of Higher education & Research, Mysuru, stressed how microorganisms are a rich source of dietary lipids, amino acids, ethanol, organic acids, hormones, enzymes and antibiotics.

The talk given by Dr. Subrota Hati, Assistant Professor, Dairy Microbiology department, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, addressed the anti-hypertensive and antioxidative compounds in camel and goat milk fermented with potential lactic cultures.

Dr. Amit Kumar Rai, Scientist C, Institute of Bioresource and Sustainable Development, Imphal, mentioned the bioactive peptides and their importance in fermented foods.

The fifth lecture by Dr. Rakshak K. Acharya, Scientist, CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, discussed the cost effective production of Shiitake mushroom using the waste generated in the industries. Stimulating panel cum group discussion session was conducted, where all the participants who attended the event online and offline were given the opportunity to question the eminent speakers.

The webinar focused on the ongoing research and technological advancements the world is witnessing concerning malnutrition and food safety. The webinar also provided an opportunity for the young Indian scientists and students working in scientific labs and Institutions to interact with the experts who delivered the lectures during the event.

More than 300 participants throughout the country had registered for the online webinar and will be receiving e-Certificates. The event was conducted on MS Teams and was streamed live on Youtube (CSIR CFTRI).

MFT Department staff Dr. Praveena Bhatt, Dr. Mohan A. Dhale, Dr. M. V. R. K. Sarma, Dr. Swaroopa Rani, Dr. Mahejibin Khan, H.N. Punil Kumar and Dr. C. Roopavathi and others showed their active participation in conducting the webinar sessions.

M. R. Krishna Prashanth, Aditi Goel and Amruta Dinesan provided organisational assistance.

AGM of Ramakrishnanagar I Block Kodava Welfare Assn. held

Mysuru, Jan. 14- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Ramakrishnanagar I Block Kodava Welfare Association and adjoining residents was held on Jan.2 at Shree Ganapathy Temple in Ramakrishnanagar.

Association President Kattera A. Nanaiah presided.

On the occasion, Kenjangada Suchetha Cariappa - Gold Medal in M. Tech, Kadiyamada Nisha Cariappa - B.Sc. and Nayakanda Kishtij Cariappa -10th CBSE, were felicitated with cash prizes for securing highest marks.

Maletira Ganesh, Secretary, presented the annual report while the financial report for 2020-21 was presented by the Treasurer.

Kotrangada Manan Mandanna rendered the invocation. Poodrimada Somaiah, Vice-President, welcomed. Kenjangada Cariappa, Joint Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. Kotrangada Shruthy Poonacha compered.

About 50 Kodava families of Ramakrishnanagar I Block and adjoining areas were present at the meeting.

The following are the new office-bearers of the Association for the next three-year term:

Kodandera Pushpa Machaiah - Chairperson; Maletira Ganapathy - Vice-President; Kenjangada Cariappa - Secretary; Codanda Swagath - Joint Secretary/ Treasurer; Mallangada Vinoda - Joint Secretary.

Committee Members are: Bachamada Vasanth, Kelapanda Vinod Bopaiah, Mookalamada Shanthi Ramesh, Patrapanda Chengappa, Kumbera Ganesh Pemmaiah, Adengada Santhosh, Nayakanda Kamala Mandanna, Kodira Devaih, Neravanda Suresh, Chappanda Erappa.

Advisory Committee Members are: Dr. Kodira A. Kushalappa, Kattera A. Nanaiah and Poodrimada Somaiah.

Campus selection at JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled

The selected students — Akash, Dileepa S. Biradar, Mahesh Shivaji, Biradar Yogesh Shivaji, Udavanj Amol Ananta, Tulajaram K. Navale, Beerappa, B. Ashwini, Mangala, R. Praveen, H.V. Thejas, B.M. Suchitra, Arpitha S. Patil, Anjali Bhagwan, Shinde Sharadha Satish, Charpale Sarswati Ashok, Bhavyashree and K. N. Bindhu — seen with K. Kushal, Training and Placement Officer; Vijay, Training Coordinator, Cheshire Disability Trust, Mahonnath Hrudai, Training Coordinator, GarvSe Centre; N. M. Shivakumaraswamy, Sl. Gr. Lecturer in Science; B. Elangovan, Principal; M. Komala, HoD, E&C Department; Murugamma, Placement Co-ordinator, CP Department and B.Sheetal, Coordinator, Employability Training Centre.

Mysuru, Jan. 14- Persons with special needs (differently abled) should not be vulnerable to the society, instead they must become contributors for growth of the society. This is possible through education and then employment.

JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled, Mysuru, is educating the differently-abled at diploma level and creating opportunity for employment.

The institution's Training and Placement Cell is well-equipped with facilities where an individual can nurture his or her growth to the maximum.

The Cell guides students to build their career and organise periodic training programme to improve the student's knowledge and skills. Since students need individual attention and care, the Cell makes sure that every student is given priority according to their individual preferences.

On January 10, TVS Motors Company Pvt Ltd., conducted campus interview and in that selection process, 17 students of this institute were selected as a trainee. JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled has made efforts to bring the successfully completed students for upliftment of their career through such placement activities.

Blackmail call to Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah

Rowdy sheeter Koratagere Anand arrested at Bengaluru Railway Station

K.G. Bopaiah

Madikeri, Jan. 14- Siddapur Police have arrested a rowdy sheeter identified as 32-year-old Anand of Koratagere in Tumkur, who had made a blackmail call to Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah and demanded Rs. 1 crore ransom. The accused was arrested at Bengaluru Railway Station.

The accused who called Bopaiah (who is also a former Assembly Speaker) over his cellphone at about 6.15 pm on Jan. 5, identified himself as a personnel of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and demanded a ransom of Rs. 1 crore in order to stop ACB officials who were preparing to raid his home and office.

The caller, who spoke in Kannada and gave his Bank account number, asked Bopaiah to credit the money directly to his account and cut off the call.

Later, the accused, who called Bopaiah from another cellphone number, asked the MLA what he had planned regarding credit of money.

Enraged by the call, Bopaiah told the caller that he was not scared of any raids and disconnected the call.

The Police escorting accused Koratagere Anand after arresting him at Bengaluru Railway Station.

The MLA, who lodged a complaint with Madikeri Town Police in this regard on the same day, also informed the matter to the higher officials of the Bengaluru Cybercrime Police. The Cybercrime Police, who traced the calls, informed the MLA that the calls were made from Andhra Pradesh.

Meanwhile, Siddapur Police, who came to know that the accused had come to Bengaluru, tracked the mobile phone location of the accused and arrested him at Bengaluru Railway Station.

The accused was produced before a Court in Madikeri yesterday and the Judge has remanded him to judicial custody.

According to Police sources, accused Anand has cases of robbery and extortion registered against him at Tumkur, Koratagere, Doddaballapur, Kulala and other Police Stations. A rowdy sheeter file in his name was also opened at Koratagere Police Station and Anand had come out on bail.

Before taking to crime, Anand was working as a driver at a private travel agency, but he had quit the job and took to crime.

He had married a girl from Bengaluru and had a daughter, but he had left both of them.

Accused in fake Nandini Ghee racket gets anticipatory bail

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&DM)- The city's Third Additional District and Sessions Court has granted anticipatory bail to one of the three accused, who have gone absconding in the fake Nandini Ghee manufacturing racket which was busted in the outskirts of the city last month.

S. Shivakumar of city is the one who has been granted anticipatory bail by Third Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Jerald Rudolph Mendonca on Tuesday, according to Shivakumar's advocate B.S. Sawanth.

Advocate Sawanth said that the Police had named Shivakumar in the FIR as they had information that he had helped prime accused Murugesh, in manufacturing duplicate ghee at Vijayanagar in Mysuru many years back. The Police have mentioned in their investigation report that no such activity was going on there at present and the manufacturing unit is also closed. "As it came to be known that Shivakumar was not involved in the fake Nandini Ghee manufacturing racket, I had appealed the Judge to grant anticipatory bail to Shivakumar and in this backdrop the Judge granted anticipatory bail," the advocate added.

Accused Murugesh, Santosh, Kumar and C. Chandrashekar are now in judicial custody, while Lalith Choudary and Madhuchandra have gone absconding, advocate Sawanth informed.

Mysuru South Rural Police, who are investigating the case, have launched a hunt to nab the absconding duo.

Women thrash youth for misbehaving in city bus

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RK&KS)- A youth, said to be drunk, who was behaving indecently and teasing women in a city bus, was dragged from the bus and beaten black and blue by a group of women, who were travelling in the bus. The incident took place near PKTB Sanatorium on KRS Road here on Tuesday.

The youth, who boarded the KRS bus at City Bus Stand, began to behave indecently with the women when the bus reached Dasappa Circle and also began to speak lightly on great personalities of the country.

Fed up with the youth's behaviour, a group of women travelling in the bus caught hold of the youth when the bus stopped near PKTB Sanatorium, dragged him out and beat him black and blue. Other passengers too got down from the bus and beat the youth, the video of which has gone viral on social media. But the youth managed to escape from the spot.

As no complaint was lodged, jurisdictional V.V. Puram Police, based on the video, visited the spot near PKTB Sanatorium yesterday evening and enquired with shop owners but could not get any information about it.

Kumbarakoppal crematorium development works launched

Mysuru, Jan. 14 (RKB&DM)- MP Pratap Simha performed *guddali puja* for Rs. 1.5 crore Kumbarakoppal crematorium development works coming under MCC Ward 4 yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Pratap Simha said it is not easy for a Corporator to get a huge grant of Rs.1.5 crore for development works at one spot.

He lauded area Corporator Pailwan Sreenivas for making untiring efforts to get the funds sanctioned for the purpose.

Referring to the ongoing LPG gas pipeline project works in the city, Simha said that it has been planned to provide house-to-house gas connection and the residents of Mysuru will be charged based on consumption, which will be recorded by a meter.

Pointing out that the 28-km-long LPG gas pipeline works is being carried out along the Ring Road, the MP said it has been planned to provide piped LPG gas by May this year.

He sought complete co-operation of the MCC for implementation of this ambitious project.

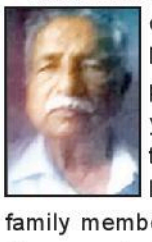
Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Ward 4 Corporator Pailwan Srinivas, former MLC D. Madegowda, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Kumbarakoppal leaders Chikkanna and Appajigowda and a host of other Corporators and officials were present on the occasion.

Obituary

G.V. Subramanyam

Mysuru, Jan. 14- G.V. Subramanyam (85), a retired Professor of Maharaja's College and a resident of Tilaknagar, passed away yesterday in city. He was the President of Arya Nayanajakshatriya Telugu Reddy Association. Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds this morning.

B.P. Krishnappa



B.P. Krishnappa (57), a resident of Bidarahalli in Maddur taluk, passed away yesterday at the village. He leaves behind his family members including son Hamumesh, PA to MLA G.T. Devegowda and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Bidarahalli last evening.

WORD OF THE DAY

Tome

Pronunciation: TOHM.
Meaning: A tome is a large or scholarly book.
Origin: Tome comes from Greek tomos, meaning "section" or "roll of papyrus." The Greek is related to the verb temnein, "to cut"; in ancient times, long scrolls of papyrus were divided into sections. When tome was first used in English, it referred to a book that was a part of a multi-volume work or a major part of a single-volume book.
Example: "Paul McCartney, the iconic Beatles band member, ... has put out a tome of a memoir. Inside the creator recounts his more than eight decades of songwriting." — Anna Tingley

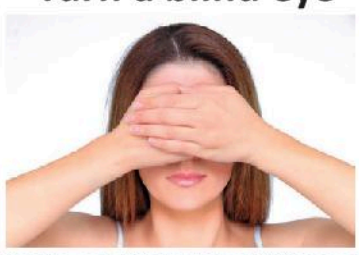
THE ODD WORD

Tacendan

Things not to be mentioned.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Turn a blind eye



Meaning: To refer to the act of ignoring or failing to acknowledge something you know to be real.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'turn a blind eye' can be found in the 1801 naval battle of Copenhagen, when Admiral Horatio Nelson and Admiral Sir Hyde Parker disagreed over tactics. The first recorded use of the phrase as we use it today comes from Martha Wilmot's 1819-1829 More Letters from Martha Wilmot: Impressions of Vienna: "Turn a blind eye and a deaf ear every now and then, and we get on marvelously well."
Example: "She knows he's lying to her, but she's choosing to turn a blind eye to the situation."

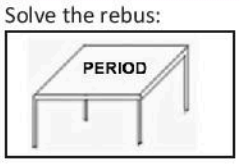
QUOTE BOX

Where words are restrained, the eyes often talk a great deal.

— Samuel Richardson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Periodic Table.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Ruth's husband in the Old Testament
5 The Mounties: Abbr.
9 Star Wars, initially
12 Folksinger Guthrie
13 Extra, in addition to
14 Away
15 Words uttered by the starter of the race? (5,6,2)
18 Girl's name - "eles I" change?
19 "So Big" author Ferber
20 Long-sleeved linen vestment
22 Greek letter `S'
26 Prematurely terminate innings
30 In a while
31 Jelly - "leg" anagram?
32 Marks left by healed wounds
34 Second person pronoun ?
35 A naive person
37 Gandhiji's term for the downtrodden?
39 Escargot
41 Sellout sign: abbr.
42 Chinese: Prefix
45 Relieves pain
49 Goodness
53 Spanish queen
54 Tease
55 Madhuri ___, nee Dixit
56 Mr Lee who won an Oscar for Life of Pi
57 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
58 ___ out : makes last longer ?

DOWN

1 Unadorned
2 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
3 Expression of grief
4 12 constellations
5 Root mean square, in short
6 Shelter for pigeons
7 TV's talking horse (2,2)
8 Songs of praise - "neaps" anagram?
9 Asian condiment?
10 Used a shovel
11 IRS in India
16 Bellows, howls or screams
17 Platform
21 German composer of Coffee Cantata?
23 Spanish painter
24 The earth's satellite
25 Music director Malik
26 Campus VIP
27 ___ Kazan : famous Hollywood director?
28 Regional Airline Assoc.
29 Commits a mistake or a sin
31 Global Navigation Sys.
33 Begets or gives birth to as a male parent
36 Salmon or Pomfret?
38 J in J K Rowling
40 Nearly two pints
43 A ___ thing : almost a disaster?
44 Exude; leak out
46 Search for
47 Slave or serf
48 Nav. readings
49 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
50 Hotel that's not "out" by the sound of it?
51 A joke - to leave one speechless!
52 Submachine gun

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	O	R	G		E	T	A	T		C	D	S
E	V	E	R		B	O	N	O		R	I	A
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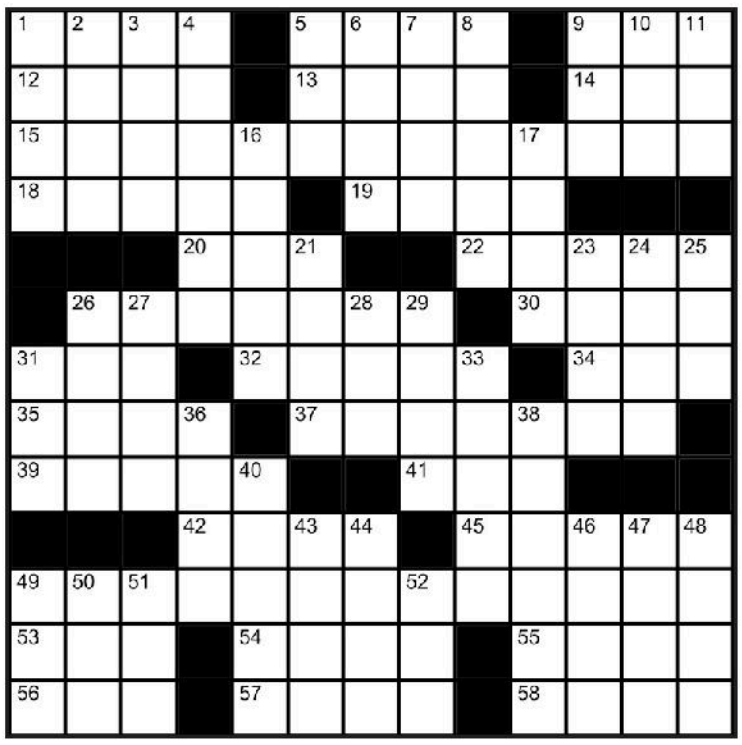

SUDOKU

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		5	8	2				9
		1			4		5	
					8	9	6	
	5	2	9					
	8		5			3		
2				1	7	6		
5					2			1

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	8	6	1	9	4	2	3
3	9	4	8	7	2	5	6	1
1	2	6	3	5	4	7	8	9
8	7	1	2	4	6	3	9	5
6	3	5	1	9	7	8	4	2
2	4	9	5	8	3	6	1	7
9	1	3	7	6	8	2	5	4
4	8	7	9	2	5	1	3	6
5	6	2	4	3	1	9	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WDX UGZZDM ITNGS WDXTLNPO JZMD G UVGTGUMNT;

WDX SXLM VGSSNT GZI ODTYN WDXTLNPO DZN.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Only the hand that erases can write the true thing.

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Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Spiderman - No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Enna Solla Pogirai (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 1.10 pm
The King's Man (E)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
		4.15 pm, 7.10 pm

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The King's Man (E)	(S-1)	11.35 am, 6.10 pm
	(S-4)	2.25 pm
Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 2.15 pm, 5.50 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	(S-3)	6.00 pm
	(S-4)	11.15 am
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Pushpa - The Rise Part 1 (Te)	(S-4)	5.30 pm
Spiderman - No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.45 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	11.25 am

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83 (H)	:	3.05 pm
Spider Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	:	6.35 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	:	11.30 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Enna Solla Pogirai (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Pushpa: The Rise Part-1 (H)	:	11.35 am
The King's Man (E)	:	12.35 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.25 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	11.30 am, 1.05 pm
		4.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 2.40 pm, 6.00 pm
The King's Man (E)	:	11.45 am, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
Pushpa: The Rise Part-1 (K)	:	2.25 pm
Rowdy Boys (Te)	:	6.25 pm

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Bangarraju - Soggadu Malli Vachadu (Te)	:	3.00 pm
		4.45 pm
		6.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Vidwan Sandeep Narayan sings at Heritage Music Festival

Vid. Sandeep Narayan presenting a vocal concert at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, last evening as part of the 60th Heritage Music Festival organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. He is accompanied Vid. V.S. Gokul on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata and Amogh on tambura. Today (Jan. 14) at 6.15 pm, Vidushi Lakshmi Nagaraj and Vidushi Indu Nagaraj will present a vocal duet concert accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata. [Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]

A section of music lovers enjoying the concert at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, last evening as part of the 60th Heritage Music Festival organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 14)

- **Bharathiya Shikshan Mandal, Karnataka (Dakshin) Prant:** Inauguration of Mysuru District Unit, Col. (Prof.) Y.S. Siddegowda, President, Bharathiya Shikshana Mandala, Karnataka Prant presides, prelude by B.A. Subramnya, Akhila Bharathiya Saha Pramukh, Shaleya Prakalp, Bharathiya Shikshan Mandal, Thilak, Mysuru Vibhag Sahakaryavah, Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh delivers keynote address, Sarada Vilas Pharmacy College, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya:** Foundation Day, special demonstration of 'Kalari' by students of 'Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya' led by Kerala's well-known 'Kalari' expert Vinod Kadangal, felicitation to martial arts expert and 'Sadhvi' Daily Founder C. Maheshwaran chief guest, Anju Singh, who hails from Manipur and now serving in Rangayana Mysuru for the past 32 years as a Kalari teacher, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa presides, Rangayana Dy. Director Nirmala Mathapati and Bharatiya Rangavidyalaya Head S. Ramanath will be present, B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi, Rangayana premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust:** 60th Heritage Music Festival, Kavya Vaachana, **5.15 pm;** Vocal duet concert by

Vidushi Lakshmi Nagaraj and Vidushi Indu Nagaraj, accompanied by **Vid. Sumanth Manjunath** on violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.** [Only those who have taken two doses of COVID vaccine can attend the event]

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (JAN. 14)

Jaipur Pink Panthers Vs Patna Pirates — 7.30 pm

Gujarat Giants Vs Bengaluru Bulls — 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 15)

Haryana Steelers Vs Dabang Delhi — 7.30 pm

UP Yoddha Vs Telugu Titans — 8.30 pm

U Mumba Vs Bengal Warriors — 9.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Bengal Warriors 37 Beat Tamil Thalaivas 28

U Mumba 23 Lose to Puneri Paltan 42

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Sl. No.	Description of work	Approximate PMC cost
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4	Appointment of Project Management Consultant Services for the work of Repairs and Renovation of 25 PHC's in Dakshina Kannada District and 25 PHC's in Udupi District.	6.66

Earnest Money Deposit for each work (Rs. in Lakhs): 0.15, **Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon) for each work:** 3 Months (Till the completion of work).

Calendar of events: 1) Last Date for receipt of Tenders: 24.01.2022 up to 16-00 hrs. **2)** Date of Opening of Tenders: 25.01.2022 at 16-30 hrs

The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tender shall be submitted electronically at (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.) and EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible consultants shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

Please note henceforth any changes in the schedule will not be published through news papers and further changes in respect of this tender notification will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

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